

REMARKS

In an Office Communication mailed April 11, 2008 in the above-captioned matter, the Examiner applied a double-patenting rejection against Claims 20 and 21 given Claims 3 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,154,544. By this Response, the Applicant hereby submits a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this rejection. There being no other objections to or rejections of the claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 20 and 21 may be passed to allowance.


The Examiner also indicated that documents identified in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted by the Applicant were not considered, "Since the documents were not submitted with the IDS." With all due respect, the Applicant avers that the documents identified in the Information Disclosure Statement itself were submitted with the IDS. As support for this averment, the Applicant attaches a copy of a corresponding report from PAIR which notes a variety of "NPL Documents" as having been submitted on April 1, 2008 with the Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement as filed on that same date. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the record in this regard.

There being no other objections to or rejections of the claims, the Applicant respectfully requests notice of allowance of Claims 20 and 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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